

## PRESS RELEASE

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## **DACC RESPONSE TO FIRES**

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care (DACC) and Control has been working around the clock to rescue animals and provide safe sheltering for animals as a result of the active fires that have affected thousands of Los Angeles County residents.

DACC is currently sheltering 173 animals including dogs and cats, horses, llamas, donkeys, and other large animals. Many of these animals are located at Pierce College which is at capacity and not accepting additional animals at this time.

Three horses sheltered at Pierce College were rescued by our Animal Control Officers. Sadly they presented with severe burns and are under intensive veterinary treatment for burns, smoke inhalation, dehydration and stress. Veterinarians on site at Pierce College are evaluating all of the animals in DACC care and have provided 24 hour care.

The Los Angeles County Equine Response Team (LACDACERT) volunteers have been activated and are supporting staff activities.

Sites currently open for sheltering additional animals are:

Horses and other large animals:

ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS - (661) 948-6060 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536 Animal shelter only: Accepting large animals, including horses

Dogs, Cats and small pets:

SYLMAR RECREATION CENTER – Mobile Animal Shelter (by DACC) 13109 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA

WEST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER - (888) 452-7381 (by the City of Los Angeles)
20655 Plummer Street, Los Angeles, CA 91311
Small animal shelter only

EAST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER - (888) 452-7381 (By the City of Los Angeles) 14409 Van Owen St, Los Angeles, CA 91405 Small animal shelter only

Marcia Mayeda, Director of DACC, stated "we have received inquiries from generous people who want to help us help the animals and we want to encourage them to consider donating to Noah's Legacy Fund". The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation has established "Noah's Legacy Fund" to provide funding and resources for disaster relief. (https://lacountyanimals.org).

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